

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/667,514

Examiner

Brian Nash

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

3721

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/15/04 & 12/10/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 9/23/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comments

1. This action is in response to applicant's election received 15 September 2004. Applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-10 drawn to an apparatus of wrapping film around an object, without traverse. Applicant has also cancelled claim 11. The pending claims are now 1-10.
2. As noted below in this action, a phone conversation with applicant's representative resulted in the following examiner's amendment and has placed the application in condition for allowance.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benjamin Hauptman at 703-684-1111 on Friday 10 December.

The application has been amended as follows:

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The entire abstract of the specification has been replaced with the following,

--ABSTRACT

A wrapping machine has a film dispensing unit (1), which includes first supporting elements (2) and first deflecting elements ($5^1 \dots 5^{10}$) for a first wrapping film (4) and second supporting elements (6) and a second deflecting element (9) for a second wrapping film (8). The second deflecting element (9) is movable between a first position (I) and a second position (II) by an actuator (10). In the first position (I), the end of the second wrapping film (8) is in contact with the first wrapping film (4) to cause the wrapping films to adhere to each other during the wrapping process. In the second position (II), the second deflecting element (9) is at a distance from the first wrapping film (4) so that the second wrapping film (9) is clear of contact with and adhesion to the first wrapping film (4).--

Reasons For Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to anticipate or show in combination an apparatus for wrapping a film around an object having a film dispensing unit which comprises first and second supporting elements for rotatable supporting first and second respective wrapping film reels, first deflecting elements over which the first wrapping film can be passed to the object, a second deflecting element over which the second wrapping film can be passed to the object, the second deflecting element movable between two positions, a first position in which the end of the second wrapping film is in contact with the first wrapping film to cause the first and second wrapping films to adhere to each other during the wrapping process and bringing them one over the other onto the object to

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be wrapped, and a second position in which the second deflecting element is at a distance from the first wrapping film so that the second wrapping film is clear of contact with and adhesion to the first wrapping film, an actuator for moving the second deflecting element between the first and second positions, and a severing device arranged to sever the second wrapping film.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. James et al, Bush et al, Wildmoser, Silbernagel, Maki-Rahkola et al, Suolahti Buscherini et al, and Lancaster are cited to show related references.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Nash whose telephone number is 571-272-4465. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached at 571-272-4467.

The official fax number for this Group is: 703-872-9306

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10 December 2004



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